

## **Alaska OCS Region Offshore Advisory Committee**

### **Function**

The Alaska OCS Region Offshore Advisory Committee will provide a forum through which affected Alaska stakeholders can collectively and jointly make recommendations on specific lease sale proposals in a timely manner consistent with lease sale schedules. Recommendations are for individual lease sales at specific stages of each lease sale process.

### **Membership**

Members are appointed for specific lease sales. More than one set of members may be appointed if more than one lease sale is in process. Members may only make recommendations concerning the lease sale designated on the Committee that they are appointed to. The Secretary may appoint no more than 10 members for a specific lease sale committee. Members will be appointed for the duration of the lease sale process. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, the member may designate an alternate, in writing, to the Regional Director.

### ***Appointment process***

The MMS Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region, will consult with the Director of the Alaska Division of Governmental Coordination. After this consultation, the Regional Director will recommend appropriate members to the Director, Minerals Management Service. The Director will nominate members to the Secretary. The Secretary will appoint all members. If a member resigns from the Committee, the Secretary may appoint a new member following the same appointment process.

### ***Appointment criteria***

Members will be selected based on their:

- \$ Knowledge and familiarity with the OCS oil and gas program,
- \$ Knowledge of the specific lease sale area,
- \$ Ability to represent one or more stakeholder interests,
- \$ Availability during the duration of the lease sale process, and
- \$ Ability to negotiate on specific aspects of lease sale proposals including sale, configuration and mitigating measures.

Members must have sufficient standing in their organization to formulate positions and are not constrained or prohibited by pre-existing affiliation or organizational policies or directives.

***Interest Groups Eligible for Membership***

Members are selected from the following stakeholder interest groups.

**State Agencies**

- \$ Department of Fish and Game
- \$ Department of Environmental Conservation
- \$ Department of Natural Resources
- \$ Division of Governmental Coordination

**Local Government**

- \$ Borough
- \$ Coastal Resource Service Area
- \$ Coastal Districts

**Alaska Native and Tribal Interests**

- \$ Subsistence and other resource users
- \$ Fishing interests
- \$ Environmental interests

**Oil and Gas Industry**

- \$ Companies holding leases on the Alaska OCS
- \$ Associations representing the oil and gas industry

Representatives from Federal agencies may participate in Committee meetings. These representatives may attend at MMS's request and may not vote. The agencies are the:

- \$ Environmental Protection Agency
- \$ Fish and Wildlife Service
- \$ National Marine Fisheries Service
- \$ National Park Service

**Official to Whom the Committee Reports**

The MMS Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region. The Regional Director will also serve as the Designated Federal Officer.

**Office Responsible for Providing Necessary Support**

The Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Regional office.

## **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings**

We estimate that each Committee will meet three times during the sale process, over a 2-year period.

## **Travel Expenses**

Each member will be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred when attending Committee meetings in accordance with Federal travel regulations as implemented by the Department of the Interior.

## **Estimated Operating Costs**

We estimate that the activities of the Committee will cost \$7,500 and require 0.5 to 1.5 work years of Federal employee support annually.

## **Meeting Minutes**

Detailed minutes of each Committee meeting, recommendations made, and copies of all studies and reports received, issued, or approved in conjunction with the activities of the Committee will be available for public inspection at the following location:

Minerals Management Service  
Alaska OCS Region  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4302